

8th. GRADE SHORT STORY TEST

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DATE _____

1. In "The Most Dangerous Game," what is so ironic about the general's insistence upon the "amenities of civilization"?

civilized people don't kill for sport

2. Explain Rainsford's change in his point of view toward the hunter and the hunted.

when he became the hunted
he realized that he was scared & felt pain.

3. Explain how "the best laid plans of mice and men sometimes fail" surfaces in "A Dip in the Pool"?

He was overly confident in
slowing the ship down with his overboard

4. The title has a double meaning. Discuss possibility definitions for a "dip in the pool"? ^{trick}

trip (crazy, loser)
pool - water, gambling

5. In "The Speckled Band" give 3 clues that lead to the true solving of the mysterious death.

steps on chair, whistling, safe
went, rope

6. In "The Speckled Band" give 2 clues that diverted us from the truth.

gypsies
cheetah & baboon

7. Give three examples of foreshadow from "The Lottery".

splintered box
apprehension with summer vacation
questioning the selection
collecting stones

8. Why did readers find Shirley Jackson's story so deplorable?

setting U.S.

9. Even though "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" is humorous on the surface, what is underlying pathos?

He's tries escaping his life
daily

Match the Themes

- A. "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"
- B. "The Outcasts of Poker Flat"
- C. "The Man Without a Country"
- D. "The Lottery"
- E. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"
- F. "The Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"

10. Be careful what you wish for. C
11. As a person ages, his or her outlook on life changes. C
12. Imagination can influence the way people act. EA
13. Jealousy can cause you to hurt others. E
14. Traditions, even harmful ones, are difficult to change. D
A
15. Daydreaming can act as a safety valve in daily life. A

16. People often seek a scapegoat when times are bad. B
17. Self-sacrifice enables a person to accept death peacefully. B
18. Fear can distort a person's senses and brighten the imagination. ~~B~~ F
19. Most people will believe a story if it is repeated enough. E
20. Seemingly decent, ordinary people are capable of great cruelty. D

21.) In the "Open Window", what foreshadowed ~~to~~ the ironic ending?

1. asked Mr. Nuttel questions
2. his name
3. letters of introduction

22.) In "The Destroying Angel," how was the boy relieved of his guilt?

his mother said he warned Ernest.

23.) Discuss two ways in which the "The Destroying Angel" was similar to "A Separate Peace".

Paul & Gene were jealous of the other kept feelings inside

24.) Alliteration is a series of words beginning with the same letter or sound.

25.) Narrative is a poem telling a story.

26.) Ballad is a poem telling a story with music.

27.) Lyric is a poem with a single speaker who expresses an emotion or thought.

28.) Flashback a detailed account of something in the past.

29.) Foreshadow a preview of what will happen.

30.) Limited omniscient 3rd. person point of view as seen through one person.

31.) When the character narrates his or her own experience directly, it is

1st person.

32. The title of a short story may reveal the theme.

33. Irony is the unexpected twist; dramatic irony is when the reader knows the unexpected but not the main character.

34. Name three basic conflicts 1.) man vs man 2.) man vs self
3.) man vs. nature

35. The setting includes the story's time and place.